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SUBJECT: JUNE 13 GAERC DEMARCHE - TURKEY

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Classified By: Polcounselor John Kunstadter; reasons: E.O. 12958 1.4 (b,d).

1. (U) We delivered reftel demarche on June 13 to Turkish MFA EU Political Affairs Department First Secretary Ege Turemen; he provided minimal responses to the following demarche topics.

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Kosovo

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He noted that the U.S. position remains the same as that enunciated in an earlier demarche about the Balkans and Kosovo.

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Iran

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He said Turkey would support permitting Iran to have a peaceful nuclear power program.

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Lebanon

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He noted that Prime Minister Erdogan planned to visit Lebanon June 15.

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Iraq

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Turemen said that Turkey wanted U.S. assistance to fight PKK terrorism. On Iraq, he further stated that Turkey considers it a milestone for Iraq to develop a constitution; supports the political process; favors capacity building; urges Iraqis to include Sunnis in the political process; hopes Iraqis work to achieve a good Kurdish-Iraqi relationship; and urges Turkish-Iraqi border security cooperation to fight terrorism, noting the developments in Iraq will have repercussions beyond that country.

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China

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He simply noted the U.S. position on the China Arms Embargo.

2. (C) Comment: Turemen's weak performance reflects both the passive-aggressiveness of Turkey's policy harmonization with the EU and the unwillingness of the MFA to take forthright positions on many issues of key importance to the U.S. End comment.

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